



## Helix Water District

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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair  
House Water Power Subcommittee  
1522 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert:

The Helix Water District supports HR 2828 which would reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

This program would authorize federal participation in CALFED with an \$880 million authorization and explicitly includes water supply and yield as goals. The bill would also establish a competitive grants program for desalination, groundwater recharge, brine removal, water quality and water reuse projects funded at \$100 million annually. It also authorizes \$300 million to address environmental concerns at the Salton Sea. These are all critical issues to those of us in Southern California.

We appreciate your commitment to moving this process along. This program is a model for resolving conflicts in California, however, it cannot realize its potential without authorization and funding.

Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to help with the passage of HR 2828.

Sincerely,

Harold W. Ball  
President  
Helix Water District

cc: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer  
Congresswoman Grace Napolitano



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